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MEMORANDUM FOR MR.

SUBJECT: Travel Expenses

1. The problem of payment of travel expenses for CIG employees who become sick while overseas should be brought to the attention of the ADSO for possible incorporation in any legislation which may be proposed for this organization.

2. In respect to payment of travel for employees who become sick overseas, there are, in general, three classes of Government employees serving overseas: State Department employees, War Department employees, and employees of other agencies.

State Department Employees. Sections 941 and 942 of Public Law 724, The Foreign Service Act of 1946, provide that the Department of State may pay the cost of transportation to an approved hospital if an employee becomes sick, whether in line of duty or not, while on assignment abroad. These sections are being interpreted to mean that an employee who becomes sick abroad may be returned to the United States at the expense of the Government, if his illness could be better treated in the United States.

War Department Employees. War Department employees who become sick abroad may be transported through Army Medical channels by Army Transport or ATC to the United States at no cost for transportation to themselves.

Other Government Employees. Employees of Government agencies other than the Department of State or the War Department who become ill overseas must pay for their transportation to the United States unless injury is incurred in line of duty as construed by the Compensation Commission, which is the strict interpretation that the injury must have been suffered as a result of the type of work the individual was doing and during actual working hours.

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This puts CIG in the position of having certain of its employees who become ill overseas reimbursed for their travel to the United States and certain others not reimbursed. The morale problem created is obvious.

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5. It is recommended that any future legislation proposed for this organization provide authority for payment of travel expenses with sufficient latitude to enable the organization to consider each case not only on its own merits, but in respect to the effect on the morale of all CIG employees.

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